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## *From air to sea ...*

Senior Airman Leshandra Battle, 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force, embraces her brother Saturday, Seaman Apprentice Adrian Pittman, who's stationed on the USS Bataan in the Mediterranean Sea. Battle and Pittman were reunited briefly after a two-hour helicopter flight to the carrier by the U.S. Navy's Black Stallions HC-4 Heavy Combat Logistical Support Squadron-Four from Sigonella, Sicily. Pittman, who was completely surprised by his sister's visit, said he hadn't seen her since Easter and was very glad for the visit. The two spent a few moments exchanging conversation before Battle boarded the helicopter to head back to Cairo West Air Base.

## Make it visible

By Col. J.C. Dodson  
Commander, 75th AEG

Once again, this week I stand tall because of your accomplishments and your continued flexibility to meet the mission. The complexity of this last week has been extremely demanding as we've flown aircraft, supported an increasing base population and played host to many international visitors coming to see how our operation works. As I mentioned at our commander's call -- mental toughness will determine the success of

our remaining days — all of us must stay mentally ready to complete the entire mission. Some of our colleagues have completed their roles; the 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 4th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron-Beni Suf depart in the next few days and have done an incredible job at Beni Suf Air Base -- we wish them well.

Robert Bresson once wrote "make visible what, without you, might never have been seen." At this point in our opera-

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## Briefs

### Commander's Kudos

Congratulations to the people who received a commander's coin from Col. J.C. Dodson, 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group commander, this week for outstanding performance.

A1C **Aaron Schanz**, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

SrA **James Pender**, 822nd ESFS

SSgt. **David Santi**, 822nd ESFS

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# Biological attack: Don't panic, know facts

By SSGT. Eric Grill  
Air Force Print News

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas --** Officials from the 59th Medical Wing here want people to know that despite recent accounts of anthrax cases being reported since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, there is no reason to panic.

While people know how to react to terrorists' bombs, people do not know how to deal with diseases, said Maj. Caroline De Witt, acting chief of infectious diseases for the 59th MDW at Wilford Hall Medical Center here.

"We are here to reassure people that many of these diseases are treatable if caught early," De Witt said. "The military has been studying possible agents of bioterrorism for a very long time, and we've had years of training to prepare for events like a biological attack."

Education is the key to abating some of the fears that people may have about infectious diseases, De Witt said.

People have been going to military surplus stores and buying gas masks because of that fear, but De Witt said biological agents like anthrax have inoculation periods, and "gas masks won't apply."

While there is a nationwide concern about some sort of biological attack by terrorists, De Witt said that both civilian and military medical officials are ready, and the nation has spent years developing a national pharmaceutical stockpile.

Any of the military services have detailed readiness plans and are able to augment public readiness officials if needed, De Witt said.

Some of the diseases medical officials are watching for include anthrax, smallpox and plague, De Witt said. Smallpox was eradicated worldwide and routine vaccination was stopped around 1980. Therefore, many people remain susceptible to the disease.

Anthrax is produced by the bacteria "Bacillus anthracis." A tough protective coat allows the bacteria to survive for decades as spores.

Anthrax is dangerous because it is highly lethal if not caught in time. It is one of the easiest biological agents to manufacture and relatively easy to develop as a weapon. Anthrax spores, while extremely difficult to aerosolize as a weapon, can be easily spread over a large area and easily stored.

The disease also has an incubation period of one to six days between exposure and symptoms, officials said.

Because of this, De Witt said, "There is reason for a heightened sense of alert, but be reassured that panic is not needed. Very few (biological) agents can be transferred human to human, and many of the diseases are benign and can be treated easily, if caught early."

Anyone who suspects that they have come into contact with a suspicious substance should



report it to authorities immediately, De Witt said. The earlier it is reported the better chances of determining what that substance is.

"Professionals doing the field tests will let a person know whether they've been exposed or not," she said.

"Field tests can be done quickly and easily to determine if a person was exposed to a biological agent," De Witt said. But, it takes about 24 to 48 hours to confirm what that biological agent is."

While it sounds like a good idea to have a stockpile of medicines in a person's medicine cabinet, De Witt said she advises against it. These medicines have side effects that can be dangerous if not taken properly; taken by a child; or taken by someone who is pregnant.

For more information about anthrax, go online to the DOD anthrax Web site.

## Pre-planning for redeployment alleviates hardships

By Capt. Bob Farkas  
Tanker Air Lift Control Element

We are almost ready to wrap things up with another highly successful Bright Star exercise.

It's normal to start throwing things into bins, boxes, and pallet containers after a long deployment anticipating the trip home to be with family and friends. Everyone is ready to take a breather and relax after working long hours in Force Protection Condition Delta, however, this is not the time to power-down.

The redeployment phase of an exercise

is normally the most work intensive portion of any deployment and will make or break a successful operation. There are several steps that must be accomplished in order to prepare each unit's piece of equipment, vehicle, and pallet for shipment on Air Mobility Command airlift.

Each item must be properly packed, documented, marked and weighed with an aircraft load plan in order to pass strict Agricultural and US/Egyptian Customs inspections, the Army's Arrival Departure Airfield Control Group cargo clearance requirements, and the Tanker Airlift Control Element's Joint Inspection process.

Each unit is required to be self-sufficient

and know how to prepare their own cargo for deployment and redeployment. However, there are several agencies that will help the process go a little smoother.

If people need some technical assistance in preparing their cargo, want to know what type of documentation is required, or get a little familiarization training on load planning, contact the Transportation Management Office at Ext. 1125, TALCE at Ext. 5611 or 5612, or ADACG at Ext. 5614. The sooner people prepare for redeployment, the less headache they'll have when it comes time to load their equipment and the greater chance of the leaving on time.







Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski

## Cop for the day

Above: Capt. Joseph Gallahan, 75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander, and CMSgt. Deborah Brian, 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group command chief, take the load off of the security forces and augmentee personnel so they could have the opportunity to participate in Sports Day Saturday. The Cairo West officers and leadership took their shifts at entry control points and riding patrol around the base.



## Visible,

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tion, I can't think of a more appropriate phrase for each of us to consider. How will each of us complete our responsibilities to the end of our deployment and leave those around us better for it? Take the challenge to individually contribute to our operation in a positive and professional

manner. Be part of someone's life that allows him or her to grow from the experience of serving along side you. The challenges over the next six weeks will be difficult. I know that you'll overcome those challenges and also create a rich environment that allows others to gain from being part of this organization—strive to make it visible.

## The Rosetta Stone

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## Awards,

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SSgt. **Charles Ruffin**, 75th ECES  
TSgt. **Di'ane Henderson**, 75th ECES  
TSgt. **Lorne Wyatt**, 75th ECES  
TSgt. **Michael Brown**, 75th AEG Safety  
SSgt. **Lowell Cook**, 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron  
MSgt. **Scot Merrihew**, 75th ELGS

## Promotions

Congratulations to the airmen who were promoted in the past week.

**David Rogers**, 75th ESFS, promoted to the rank of senior airman.

**Joshua Foster**, 75th ESFS, promoted to the rank of senior airman.

## Qui Web award winners

Congratulations to the Team Qui Web weekly award winners.

Airman: A1C **Rick Hyatt**, 75th ELGS.

Non-commissioned officer: TSgt. **Derwin Hudson**, 75th ELGS.

Senior non-commissioned officer: MSgt. **Connie Dorr**, 75th ELGS.

Company grade officer: 1st Lt. **Michael Battle**, 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron.

# Qui Web Sports Day:

# Gettin' down



A participant in the basketball tournament goes for the reverse.

Hundreds of Qui Web residents made their way to the fitness center Friday to participate in the base's Sports Day provided by the 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron. The day-long event had everything from jump-hooks to suicide water-balloon bombings. The following is a list by squadron of who took home first place for each event.

5 K Run – 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron  
4-person relay – 75th ECES  
Scavenger Hunt – 75th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron  
Volleyball – 75th ECES  
Basketball – 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron  
Horseshoes – Army  
Tug-of-war – 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron  
Bright Star Challenge – 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron  
Capture the flag – 75th ESS

#### Sports Day standings

1st place – 75th ECES – 75 points  
2nd place – 75th EMEDS – 59 points  
3rd place – 22nd EARS – 57 points  
4th place – 75th ESS – 44 points



SrA Melissa Gonzalez, 75th ESS, jumps over a water balloon while trying to "capture the flag" to defeat their opponents and win the event.



Competitors in the 5K-team run address the starting line as the first Sports Day event kicks off.







Photos by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski

# Fun and dirty



gets pelted by a water  
flag." ESS went on to  
event.



ks off.



Maj. Karen Jones, 75th EMEDS  
dumps goodies into the tug-of-war pit  
to add to the excitement.



Members of the 75th ECES tug-of-war team see how the other half lives.  
After over-powering the 75th ESS, ECES were themselves pulled into the  
pit of muddy water by the 22 EARS.



SSgt. Chad Hartley, 75th  
AEG, throws for a ringer  
during the horseshoe  
tournament



SrA Matthew Heifner, TALCE, attacks the ball  
at the volleyball tournament.



*Don't believe everything you read*

# 75th ESS does more than 'stir the pot'

By SrA. Russ Martin  
75th AEG Public Affairs

Despite what people may read on out-house walls about who contributed the most to building tent city, the 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron played a major role in creating and now sustaining Qui Web.

Stirring the pot of stew, handing out basketballs, working at the field exchange. These are the images brought to mind for many when they think about the duties of services airmen. "Paper pushers," "desk jockeys" to name but a few, are used to describe the personnel specialist – at Bright Star 01/02 they've proven there's more to them than that.

The 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron, composed of both the Personnel Support of Contingency Operations Team and services airmen supporting Bright Star 01/02, broke the stereotypes that linger above their heads with the response and sense of urgency performed with tasks sent their way.

Most assets members of Qui Web use off duty, whether it be bedding, the fitness center, the lodging facility or just grabbing a bite to eat at the 9-1 Dining Facility, are run by the 75th ESS. But before they could maintain them, they had to build them.

Aug. 31, more than 53 75th ESS airmen from 18 different bases and the civil engineering advanced team arrived in country and looked out across the vast amount of sand and stone they were to call home.

After the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron finished prepping the land to build up Cairo West for airmen to reside during Bright Star, the 75th ESS, partnering with the 75th CES, stood up 24 residential tents.

In the next two days, the 9-1 Dining Facility was realized and put into action. By the end of the week, hand-in-hand the two squadrons stood up more than 80 tents in all, including the lodging and personnel office, fitness center, tactical field exchange and morale tent.

"The big goal for us initially was to get the

9-1 (dining facility) up and running," said SSgt. Jeremy Kell, 75th ESS. "Operational wise, (Air Force Instructions) say you can go 10 days on MREs, but the sooner we get hot food going, the sooner we build our people's morale."

For a veteran services airman like SMSgt. Peter Tetreault, 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force Services Superintendent and acting first sergeant, the effectiveness and cohesion of the two squadrons was unprecedented.

"ESS was busting their chops as it was, and a hot meal wasn't planned for the next few days," said Tetreault. "But after the bombings (Sept. 11 terrorist attacks), hot coffee was ready that night – hot breakfast was served in the morning. They stepped up and kicked it into high gear. The interesting part was they were already kicking butt before that."

Unlike many career fields, services airmen have the opportunity to attend a combat training class to prepare for such conditions as those first airmen arriving at Qui Web experienced. One better, they get to do so with the folks they will deploy with, civil engineering personnel.

"Even at our Services Combat Training School it's services and CE combined," said Kell. "We do everything together. We do everything

(CE) does, if not as well, within our own fields. We all build tents and know what goes where. A lot of other career fields don't get exposed to that."

The training not only allowed for a great deal of synergy while building the tents, but made a common bond among those preparing Cairo West for service members supporting Bright Star-01.

"It's funny, I didn't get here until just after they had begun building up," said MSgt. Doug Mills, 75th ESS. "It was our kind of pace, intense. We jumped in there like we always do. It didn't matter to me, or anyone else, who was from what base, or who did what job. I knew we were all here doing one thing ... building the tents and building a base."

Mills wasn't the only service member who found it difficult to tell whose primary job was

what. Tetreault, who'd been helping build tent city since the beginning, found it hard to distinguish personnel himself, as everyone's specialties and differences melted together making one group.

"We all had different backgrounds. People from different bases," said Tetreault. "A lot of folks didn't know each other, but when push came to shove, there was no separating into clicks, you couldn't distinguish who was ESS or who was ECES, who arrived together and who just met."

"We had 53 people here from different bases, some guard, some active duty," he said. "The conglomeration gelled together and made an outstanding team. You couldn't have asked for a better team, even if they were hand picked."

Unlike other deployments, airmen deployed here from the start had the unique opportunity to build their ideal working conditions.

"When you usually get tasked for a deployment or TDY, the operations and facilities are already up, established and hardened facilities," said Kell. "Everything here is bare. Everything from my career field to yours starts at ground zero here. It gives us all the chance to take it where we want it to go."

Now that programs, facilities and operations are up and running, the big focus of getting everything up and running now turns to tearing down.

With their big project, the Qui Web Sports Day, behind them, 75th ESS airmen are looking to slowly deconstruct the home they have built.

"It's kind of an uneasy feeling in a way," said Mills. "We hear a lot of people from different squadrons hyping up that they built their tents and establishment, but all I can remember are ESS and ECES people out here. I mean we worked our butts off to get everything up. Despite what you read in the port-potties, we had a huge hand in building this place. But now of course as we wind down Bright Star we have to bring it down. We won't leave until everything's down, packed up, loaded up and we left this place as we found it – completely bare."

By the end of the month, the fitness center and tactical field exchange will be inoperable. Following suit closely behind will be the post office, laundry facility and lastly the dining facility.

"This has been a nose to the grindstone, never let up, extraordinary operation," said Tetreault. "I haven't seen even one slacker and these guys really have something to be proud of."



Photo by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski

MSgt. Douglas Mills, 75th ESS prepares to lay down floor matting in one of the many tents ESS built in preparation for the arrival of more airmen.





## Top 25

College Football  
As of Monday

Caroline Panthers	14OT	Green Bay Packers	13	North Carolina (23)	38	Air Force	33
Washington Redskins	17	Minnesota Vikings	35	Clemson	3	Brigham Young (16)	63
Chicago Bears	24	Denver Broncos	10	Wisconsin	35	Arizona	28
Cincinnati Bengals	0	San Diego Chargers	27	Illinois (22)	42	Washington (13)	31
Baltimore Ravens	14	Pittsburgh Steelers	17	Kentucky	29	Texas Tech	31
Cleveland Browns	24	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	10	Georgia (15)	43	Nebraska (3)	41
Tennessee Titans	27	St. Louis Rams	34	Duke	17	Vanderbilt	14
Detroit Lions	24	New York Jets	14	Maryland (10)	59	South Carolina (12)	46
Arizona Cardinals	13	New England Patriots	38	Baylor	17	Florida St. (19)	43
Chicago Bears	20	Indianapolis Colts	17	Oklahoma (2)	33	Virginia	7
Atlanta Falcons	20	Buffalo Bills	13	Tennessee (9)	35	California	17
New Orleans Saints	13	Jacksonville Jaguars	10	Alabama	24	UCLA (4)	56
Kansas City Chiefs	16			North Carolina St.	17	Boise St.	35
Arizona Cardinals	24			Georgia Tech. (21)	27	Fresno St. (18)	30

The following is a list of games and schedules for week seven in the National Football League. Some games may be seen in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Tent. All times are eastern standard time.

**Thursday**

8:30 p.m. – Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City Chiefs

**Sunday**

1 p.m. – San Francisco 49ers at Chicago Bears

1 p.m. – New Orleans Saints at St. Louis Rams

1 p.m. – N.Y. Jets at Carolina Panthers

1 p.m. – Cincinnati Bengals at Detroit Lions

# Week 7 Schedule

1 p.m. – Jacksonville Jaguars at Baltimore Ravens

1 p.m. – Minnesota Vikings at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

4:15 p.m. – Buffalo Bills at San Diego Chargers

4:15 p.m. – Miami Dolphins at Seattle Seahawks

4:15 p.m. – New England Patriots at Denver Broncos

4:15 p.m. – Arizona Cardinals at Dallas Cowboys

4:15 p.m. – N.Y. Giants at Washington Redskins

4:15 p.m. – Oakland Raiders at Philadelphia Eagles

**Monday**

9 p.m. – Tennessee Titans at Pittsburgh Steelers

## D-backs await ALCS champs for World Series

The Diamondbacks, in just their fourth year of existence, are headed to the World Series. Randy Johnson allowed two runs over seven innings as Arizona beat the Braves, 3-2, in Game 5 of the NLCS.

The following is a daily breakdown of the Major League Baseball postseason games.

**Tuesday**

Game 1: **Arizona** 2, Atlanta 0 (Diamondbacks lead series 1-0)

**Wednesday**

Game 1: **New York** 4, Seattle 2 (Yankees lead series 1-0)

Game 2: **Atlanta** 8, Arizona 1 (Series tied 1-1)

**Thursday**

Game 2: **New York** 3, Seattle 2 (Yankees lead series 2-0)

**Friday**

Game 3: **Arizona** 5, Atlanta 1 (Diamondbacks lead series 2-1)

**Saturday**

Game 3: **Seattle** 14, New York 3 (Yankees lead series 2-1)

Game 4: **Arizona** 11, Atlanta 4 (Diamondbacks lead series 3-1)

**Sunday**

Game 4: **New York** 3, Seattle 2, (Yankees lead series 3-1)

Game 5: **Arizona** 3, Atlanta 2 (Arizona wins NLCS)

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## Worship Services

Sat. 6 p.m. – Catholic Mass  
 Sun. 8 a.m. – Gospel Service  
 Sun. 11 a.m. – Catholic Mass  
 Sun. 1 p.m. – Latter Day Saints  
 Sun. 3 p.m. – Protestant Service  
 Sun. 5 p.m. – Gospel Service  
 Sun. 8 p.m. – Gospel Service

## Bible Studies

Mon. 7:30 to 9 p.m. – Christianity/Islam  
 Comparative Bible Study  
 Wed. 7:30 to 9 p.m. – Egypt in the Bible

## Step Aerobics, body shaping

SrA. Ann Mitchell and SSgt. Tammy Roth, 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron, are back in action bringing their fitness regiment to Cairo West. Roth conducts step aerobics from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mitchell brings back her "Ann's house of pain" with body sculpting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Classes are conducted at the MWR by the revetment.

## 9-1 Dining Facility Menu

**Today** – Breakfast: Variety of previous meals. Dinner: Chicken breast, tater tots and peas.

**Tuesday** – Breakfast: Sausage and western omelet. Dinner: Hamburger and beans.

**Wednesday** – Breakfast: Omelet, waffles and hash browns. Dinner: Lasagna and green beans.

**Thursday** – Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and creamed beef. Dinner: Beef noodle and mixed vegetables.

**Friday** – Breakfast: Ham slices, eggs and potatoes. Dinner: Spaghetti

## "Culture Clips on Egypt"

q The world-famous *Egyptian Museum* has more than 100,000 relics and antiquities in its collection. This Cairo cultural icon is so well known (King Tut's treasures, etc.) that it's simply called *Al-Mathaf*, "the museum." The collection was gathered by Auguste Mariette and put under one roof in Bulaq in 1858. The collec-

tion moved to its current location in 1902. An enduring urban legend has it that the museum basement has so many uncatalogued artifacts that archaeologists will have to excavate its contents when the long-awaited new museum is built!

q *Canopic jars* were pottery jars that held the embalmed internal organs

and viscera (liver, stomach, lungs, and intestines) of the mummified pharaoh and others dignitaries.

q *Natron* is a whitish mineral of hydrated sodium carbonate that occurs in saline deposits and salt lakes and acts as a natural preservative. It was used in ancient Egypt to dry out the body during the mummification process.

q *Hieroglyphs* were used in the ancient Egyptian form of writing (and also on our cartouches). What you may not have realized is that these pictures and symbols were not strictly letters in an alphabet, but represented objects, words, and sounds. (Source: *Lonely Planet's "Egypt," Fifth Edition, 1999*)

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released their outlook for winter 2001-2002. This winter is expected to be much like winter 2000-2001, which was the coldest in the last 100 years. For specific regional areas, the northern plains, Great Lakes, and northeast are expected to be colder than normal, the southwest is expected to be warmer, and the southeast is expected to be drier.

## 85 F Qui Web

with meatballs and green beans.

**Saturday** – Breakfast: Pork sausage, eggs and waffles with blueberry. Dinner: Teriyaki chicken, rice and corn.

**Sunday** – Breakfast: Creamed beef, omelet and potatoes. Dinner: Chili, rice and corn.

## Movies

Movies are shown nightly at 7:30 p.m. at the revetment. The Morale Welfare and Recreation Center offers sports programming when available on the big screen.

**Today** – Bring It On

**Tuesday** – Traffic

**Wednesday** – The Replacements

**Thursday** – Bounce

**Friday** – Scream 3

**Saturday** – The Art of War

**Sunday** – Final Destination

Commander's Call -- Thursday 8 p.m. in the MWR Revetment

